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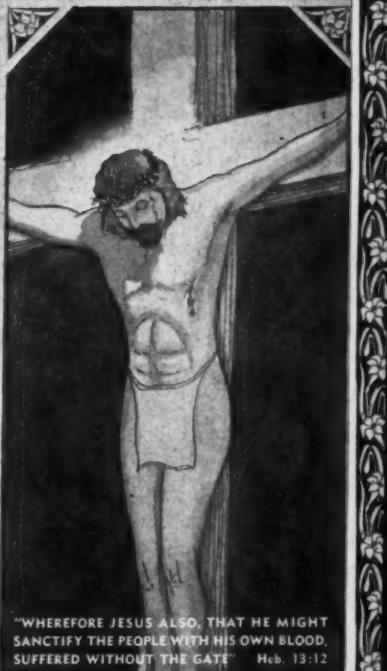
James A. Sanaker

I know a thousand things to do
When Sunday rolls around,
But most of them will interfere
With worship, I have found;
If I use the day for pleasure
I leave conscience in the lurch,
For Sunday isn't Sunday
Unless I go to church.

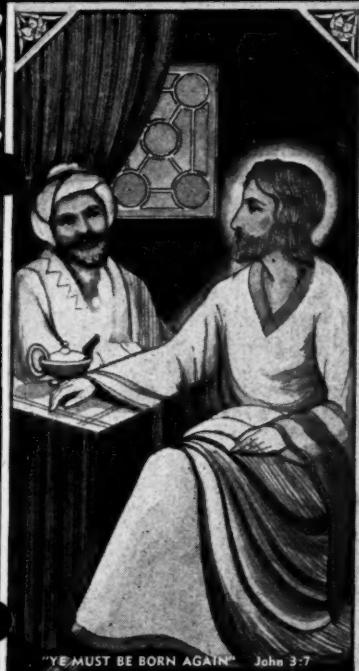
A man may tinker with his car,
Or take his shotgun out,
Or he may grab a rod and reel
And try to catch some trout;
A woman has her household tasks,
Like mending sox or shirts,
But Sunday isn't Sunday
To those neglecting church.

We can follow inclination
And just loaf around all day,
We eat and sleep and eat some more
But take no time to pray;
The habits of indifference
Will any soul besmirch,
And Sunday's never Sunday
Unless we go to church.

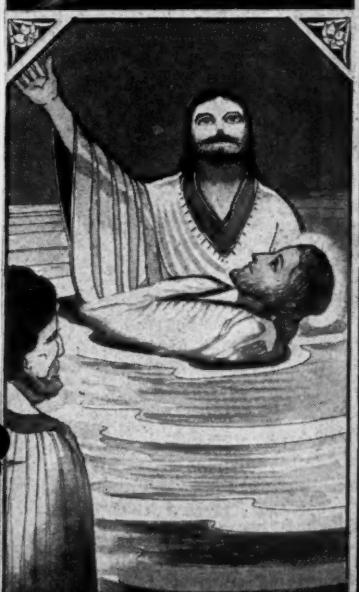
—Gospel Herald.



"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12



"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7



"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16



"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4



"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD" Acts 20:28

NOTICES*"To stir you up by putting you in remembrance," 2 Peter 1:13.*

Dear Evangel family, I am trying to get something started out here in Parker county, Texas, between Brock and Dinie. It is a hard place. Please pray especially for us here that we might accomplish something for Jesus and His church. Pray much.—Ed Yancey, Weatherford, Tex.

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We will have home coming at the Church of God at Wolf Mountain, N. C., June 25. We invite everyone to come be with us. Bring a well-filled basket as we will serve dinner at the church. All ex-members and pastors have a cordial invitation, also singers and musicians. Everybody come and help us have a wonderful time in the Lord.—Mrs. T. L. Willix, Wolf Mountain, N. C.

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There will be a home-coming at Thacker, W. Va. July 16. We will have some good preaching and special music. Everybody is welcome. Come and bring a well-filled basket.—Jessie Mae Rose, Barnabus, W. Va.

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The Sylacauga, Ala., district gives all a special invitation to attend the Y. P. E. rally to be held here the fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Brother Pearson will be with us. All who have Y. P. E. uniforms, it will be good to wear these Saturday night. We give Brother Whittington a special invitation. Talladega Y. P. E., be prepared to give your program.—Maggolene Isbell, Y. P. E. president, 20 Mayland St., Sylacauga, Ala.

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There will be all-day service at the Church of God at Reamstown, Pa., July 4. The Y. P. E. rally will be held in the evening. We invite all neighboring churches to come and enjoy a spiritual feast. Bring your basket dinner.—R. H. Flinchum, pastor, Reamstown, Pa.

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There is going to be a home-coming and all-day service at the Church of God at Paw Creek, N. C. The services will be held in the high school auditorium the second Sunday in July, the 9th. We expect to have our state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, and other officials of the Church with us, also the superintendent of the Kindell mill at Paw Creek. There will be various singers and musicians from off the district and other places. We want all the neighboring churches and pastors to be sure to be here for this service. All others are invited to attend. Paw Creek is located five miles west of Charlotte, N. C.—Roland Verrico, pastor, Paw Creek, N. C.

Dear Evangel family, feeling the leadings of the Lord we came to Oklahoma City. We have only a few members and most of them are somewhat discouraged as they have tried before to have a church here but failed. We are now in a revival in a free mission and have found some good people who are looking forward to the Church of God. We have no church or place here to worship, but we are praying the Lord to give us a tent that we can use. If anyone has a tent we could buy, make a down payment and pay the rest out by the month and you would let it out in the service, we would be glad to hear from you. Pray for us.—Wiley E. Wright, 633 S. W. 28th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

WEST VIRGINIA CONVENTION

We have made arrangements for the West Virginia state convention to be held in the Memorial Auditorium at Beckley. The date is July 20-23, which will make it begin on Thursday. We trust that every minister in the state and every member and friend possible will arrange to be there for the opening service which will start at 7:30 Thursday evening, and stay for the closing service about one or one-thirty Sunday afternoon. Be sure to come to this great gathering.

MISSIONS

Our mission offering will be hindered much on account of the recent six weeks' shutdown of the coal mines, but let's not pity ourselves too much and fail to get the blessing that we will receive if we make a sacrifice for this great cause. We are faring much better than people in many places in the foreign fields fare at the best. I hope every church will bring a liberal offering for this worthy cause. Don't wait until the last Sunday before the convention to get this up; START RIGHT NOW. This list will be read off at the convention and we will try to do as we are told in the Scriptures, "Give honor to whom honor is due." Of course the small churches can not bring as much as the larger ones, but you just wait and see if there are not some that are classed as the "smaller" churches that beat some that stand out among the largest in the state.

ENTERTAINMENT

We are trying to arrange for everyone as far as possible to have free bed and breakfast. Other meals will be purchased at the restaurants in the city. The neighboring churches will co-operate in this and we hope to have room for every delegate to the convention. This does NOT include those who drink and smoke and come to the convention for a big time.

STATE PAPER

Your state overseer who has been editing the state paper was shut in for five weeks, first with influenza and then with mumps, and could not get the paper out;

and since the shutdown of the mines has so hindered the drive for subscriptions for the Evangel we are waiting until the state convention to see what arrangements can be made for continuing it. Until that time there will be no state paper unless the Lord opens up some way to finance it.

PRAYER

We want every church to set Sunday, July 9, as a special prayer day for the state convention. It would all be a failure without His great presence and power. Pray for the mission offering. Pray for the speakers. Pray for this to be the greatest convention we have ever had in the state. THEN help to make it so by being there all prayed up and ready for service.—M. P. Cross, overseer of W. Va.

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Our Minnesota state convention will convene at Pelican Rapids June 27 at 10:00 a. m. and continue until the night of the 28th. Our General Overseer, J. H. Walker, will be with us Wednesday and Wednesday night. Please pray a special prayer for our convention.

We also have a few special meetings beginning Saturday night, June 24, and continuing through Monday night. These services are for the ones who cannot be with us Tuesday and Wednesday.—H. E. Ramsey, Box 382, Fergus Falls, Minn.

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We are going to have home-coming July 9, the second Sunday in July. We cordially invite the Church of God people and all our friends to come. Everybody come and bring a well-filled basket. Bro. Harrowood will preach our morning sermon. We invite all good singers to be with us. Preachers and everybody, feel welcome to come. We are depending on you neighboring churches on the Dayton district to be with us. Pray that the Lord will bless and give us a glorious day.—Roy Dagnan, pastor, Chickamauga, Ga.

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The Coal River, W. Va. district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention will convene at Garrison, W. Va., June 24, 25. A special invitation is extended to everyone to come be with us.—R. E. Leadingham, district overseer, Seth, W. Va.

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The Church of God at Kennedy, Ala., will have home-coming the third Sunday in July, which will be at the beginning of a revival with Sister Mabel Branch in charge. We are expecting one of the greatest revivals in history for the church. You are welcome.—J. J. Williamson, Rt. 1, Kennedy, Ala.

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To the Church of God in Arkansas: The Arkansas state camp meeting and convention will convene at Forrest City, Ark. The camp meeting will begin July 16 and continue through the state con-
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SOUL REST

BY W. HASKELL COMPTON

Text, Matt. 11:28, 29: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

The greatest need today for humanity is soul rest but it seems that is the least thing in people's minds. I want to say here, when we have everything that heart can desire in this old world, speaking of natural things, there is one thing that is not satisfied, and that is the soul. God alone can satisfy that part. Whether we be rich or poor we can get salvation only from Christ.

Now let us see when we get this rest of the soul completely. Yes, we are promised a rest for our soul. In Matt. 11:28, 29 Jesus says, "Ye shall find rest unto your souls." He also says, "Come unto me," and when we come (to an altar of prayer somewhere), leaving the world behind as we should do, we will find soul rest. I am sure that when we come to Him and obey, yes, believe what He says, then He is obligated to help us. That is why He came to earth,—to be of help to humanity. Now there are many that we could mention to you who lived in Christ's time who had their sins forgiven. Yes, their names were written in heaven. Jesus said so. Their actual transgressions were forgiven. Surely you will admit by this that they were saints. But at this time Christ had not yet died on the cross. He prayed in John 17 for the Father to sanctify these followers through His truth; His Word (Christ) is truth. Christ is called the Word in John 1:1, also in Rev. 19:13. This sanctifying could not be done until Jesus had shed His blood. That is why He shed His blood—to sanctify the people. He could forgive sins while here on earth even before He died on the cross, but it was through the shedding of His blood that we are saved and sanctified.

Heb. 13:12 speaks of Jesus' suffering without the gate that He might sanctify the people. After Jesus lifted up His hands and blessed them they received great joy and went to the upper room where they continued in prayer with one accord. The blood applied to the heart will cause rejoicing. These people had never had an experience like this before. When you are saved from a life of sin, it is wonderful. Without the new birth you cannot be sanctified or baptized with the Holy Ghost. Without the new birth you can't enter the kingdom of God. Therefore, we must take it step by step. Here we have two separate works that the Lord alone can do for us. We

can't save ourselves. We must let God do the work.

Now after these people's sins were forgiven, naturally this made them Christians, but they were to be sanctified, and they obeyed and received the blessing. Have you done this? Whatsoever He saith unto you do it. Christ told them to go to the city of Jerusalem and tarry there until they be endued with power from on high (the baptism of the Holy Ghost). He said He would not leave them comfortless, but would send another Comforter though they had their sins forgiven. Yes, they were sanctified, yet they needed the Comforter.

Some in these last days say that the Lord gives all the blessings to His people at once. No, He does not, and it can't be proved either. Only those that were in the upper room received the power, the Comforter, the Holy Ghost baptism. You must get the Holy Ghost for yourself, no one else can receive Him for you. Just because those folks got the Holy Ghost on Pentecost does not say nor mean that from that time on all the blessings come at once. We must be

saved, sanctified with the blood by the Holy Ghost, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, before we have the complete "soul rest." Acts 3:19 says, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." You must get saved, have your sins blotted out, before the refreshing comes. Acts 5:32, "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him."

You may claim you are a believer. If you are a believer you have the baptism of the Holy Ghost or you are honestly seeking Him. You can't be a very strong believer and not have or be seeking the Comforter. And when He comes He will testify (speak in tongues). Acts 2:33, "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he (Jesus) hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." Now what did they see? They saw the people acting like drunk people. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost; yes, all talked in tongues as evidence of the Baptism of the Spirit. Peter said these people who received the Comforter were not drunk as they sup-

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The Training of Children in the Home

BY IDA MCCOY

The first steps of a child that lead to the electric chair or to the brothel are taken at home.

"For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile and he restrained them not," 1 Sam. 3:13.

A man that had judged Israel forty years but had failed to restrain his sons! He was now an old man of 98 years. He talked with his boys and asked them why they did such things, making the Lord's people transgress; but he did not stop them. He knew what was going on.

Webster says restrain means "to hinder, to keep from." If Eli had been on the watch over his own children, instead of doing such big things, however worthy (such as judging Israel), he could have caught on to their way of living, and prevented the curse that came upon his house.

It has been said "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." How sad it is to see a bishop, or even a mere layman, who is pretending to be doing something for the Lord, neglecting his family's training—his sons and daughters! Perhaps he is a licensed minister, and has been for forty years; but we see his sons puffing cigarettes and his daughters

keeping questionable company. He and his family are a reproach to the cause of Christ. Such a person—man or woman—says, "Pray for my children. They are not Christians." Brother, where is your salt? You are failing somewhere, for God's Word is sure.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. Also, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it from him." Prov. 22:15.

I heard a preacher say one time he did not believe in whipping his children, that there were other ways to control them. Why did not the Bible say so? Why did it say, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying"? Prov. 19:18. And again, "Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die." Prov. 23:13.

If you are going to take the whole Bible, you will have to say amen to this. A good switching given in the right way does something to a child's nature that no amount of coaxing, begging, hiring, etc., will do; and it is the only thing that will make a child honor and respect his parents. It proves to him that you are

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testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allow-
ance of space.

that Esau had become in possession of his
father's herds and flocks, and, no doubt,
his gold and silver and whatever was left.
Jacob was not worried about that but he
wanted to have peace in his heart and
power with God so that through his
prayers his brother's wrath could be ap-
peased. So, the tribulation saints have
prayed through and received power and
are willing to die for the cause they love,
and God gives them special grace at this
time.

The company in our text today no
doubt has been filled with the Holy
Ghost during the tribulation week and
they have been slain and are now stand-
ing around the throne of God clothed in
white robes with palms in their hands.
They have joined the raptured saints and
are there praising and blessing God. The
elders sanction what they say by saying,
Amen. These elders are among the rup-
tured saints. The angel tells the raptured
saints that there are they that came up
through great tribulations, and have
washed their robes and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb. It seems that
their choice of death rather than com-
promise with the man of sin, brings to
them the great blessing of sanctification
or cleansing. It says they washed their
robes. It means that they have accepted
Christ and His plan of salvation. They
made Him their choice and chose death
rather than life that they might live with
God, and the Holy Ghost applies the
blood and they are cleansed, and they are
filled with the Holy Ghost. It says that
these are they that came up through
great tribulation.

Never in the history of the human
family has there been as great suffering
and persecution as these people will suf-
fer. After they are slain and the two
prophets have been slain, they are resur-
rected and receive their glorified bodies
and are clothed in white robes. It says
that they shall hunger no more, nor
thirst any more, neither shall the sun
light on them. This shows that they suf-
fered starvation, also suffered for water,
and they suffered from the heat of the
sun. Now they are around the throne and
they will be fed by the Lamb and cared
for throughout eternity. After all, they
have been led by the Spirit and power
of God to accept the greatest blessing
that can ever come to mortal man.

It will be the tribulation saints that
will sing the song of redemption just be-
fore Jesus comes back on the clouds of
heaven. No company of redeemed saints
will be honored like the tribulation
saints. Heaven will be silent for thirty
minutes as they sing this wonderful song
standing on the sea of glass around the
throne. The 144,000 that will be kept
by God's mighty power on Mt. Zion, in
my opinion, will hear them as they sing

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EDITORIALS

Tribulation-Week Gentiles

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great
multitude, which no man could number,
of all nations, and kindreds, and people,
and tongues, stood before the throne, and
before the Lamb, clothed with white
robes, and palms in their hands; and cried
with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to
our God which sitteth upon the throne, and
unto the Lamb. And all the angels
stood round about the throne, and about
the elders and the four beasts, and fell
before the throne on their faces, and wor-
shipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and
glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving,
and honour, and power, and might, be
unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.
And one of the elders answered, saying
unto me, What are these which are ar-
rayed in white robes? and whence came
they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou
knowest. And he said to me, These are
they which came out of great tribula-
tion, and have washed their robes, and
made them white in the blood of the
Lamb. Therefore are they before the
throne of God, and serve him day and
night in his temple: and he that sitteth
on the throne shall dwell among them.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst
any more; neither shall the sun light on
them, nor any beat. For the Lamb which
is in the midst of the throne shall feed
them, and shall lead them unto living
fountains of waters: and God shall wipe
away all tears from their eyes." Rev. 7:9-
17.

I have been writing extensively on the
resurrection and catching away of the
saints and the tribulation week. Some
seem to think that I inferred that the
Church would enter the tribulation
week and be caught away in the midst
of it, but this is a mistake. For scriptural
proof read Rev. 3:8, 10; Luke 21:24-36;
Isa. 26:20, 21; Rev. 4th and 5th chap-
ters. These two chapters in Revelation

prove positively that the saints are in
heaven around the throne before a seal
is broken. Read especially Rev. 5:9-12. In
chapter six the first seal is broken. Those
of you who have these papers should read
my editorials carefully so you will not
misunderstand.

The first three and a half years of the
tribulation week, as we have shown in
previous issues, will be a time of peace
and prosperity, and but little attention
will be given to religion by the beast.
But in the midst of the week he begins
his work of persecution and death. It
seems that there will be at least three
companies of witnesses during this time.
The first company is possibly represented
by the five foolish virgins. The second
company will be the Jews who will realize
at this time that the man of sin is
not their Christ and they will break
their covenant with him. God shall seal
144,000 but the rest of the Jews who
have salvation will be slain. The third
company takes in our scripture lesson for
this issue.

There will be millions of people who
are acquainted with salvation who will
not merit the resurrection or the blessings
and favors of Christ when He comes to
catch His people away. They know
enough about the Bible to know they
will be lost forever if they accept Anti-
christ and his mark. Then, too, there will
be many people saved during the tribula-
tion week by the preaching of those who
have been blessed. Some think there will
be no salvation during the tribulation
week, but it will be a time of great bless-
ing for both Jew and Gentile who will
accept salvation. We believe God will
put it into the hearts of this great com-
pany to stand for Jesus and His great
truths, and they will be enabled to over-
come and die as martyrs for Christ. This
will be a period of unexampled trouble,
predicted by Psa. 2:5, also described in
Rev. 11:18. It will involve, in a measure,
the whole earth. Jeremiah describes
it as the time of Jacob's trouble. Jacob
was on his way to meet his brother Esau,
knowing he had treated him wrong in
robbing him of his birthright. It seems



Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

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The Victorious Life in Christ

The Christian life is a life of victory, not defeat. Jesus said to His disciples, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." In Jesus is victory over all evil whether in the human heart or in the world about us. Full provision and full directions are given that all who will may enjoy this victory. Faith is "the victory that overcometh the world," 1 John 5:4. There are some means to be used in keeping the victory and in living the life:

1. We are commanded to search the Scriptures. John 5:39. So it is important that we make our Bible our daily companion, reading and studying it carefully. Through it we will get light, comfort, guidance, and encouragement for all the way.

2. We are commanded to pray. "Without ceasing," "everywhere," "in all things," and all the time, are we to pray. The victorious Christian life, the life that pleases the Lord, is preeminently a life of prayer.

3. The successful Christian life calls forth praises. Praises and thanksgiving are the very breath of the overcoming life. "Blessing the Lord at all times," making requests with "thanksgiving."

4. Weaknesses and sins are to be recognized and confessed.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," 1 John 1:9.

5. We are commanded to avoid sins and temptations, and to put away all uncleanness and to live blameless and spotless lives.

6. And those who would overcome and live the victorious life, are commanded to look to Jesus and trust in Him.

"Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith," Heb. 12:2.

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charter. Here heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, health to the soul, and a river of pleasure. It is given to you here in this life, will be opened at the judgment, and is established forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents."

Doing Our Best

A great writer once said, "Thank God for every morning when you get up that you have something to do which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know."

Certainly the Christian should ever be busy and at his best. Do not our circumstances press us to do and give our best? A Christian who is not doing his best is of little worth.

It is in doing our best that we receive the greatest joy. And to reach the greatest number of souls and bring the most blessing to them, we must be at our best. The Lord expects us to do our best in our personal walk with Him, in our prayer life and in our outward testimony for Him.

We may all find help in adopting Franklin's twelve virtues, which are as follows:

1. Temperance.

Eat not to dullness; drink not to elevation.

2. Silence.

Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation.

3. Order.

Let all your things have their places; let each part of your business have its time.

4. Resolution.

Resolve to perform what you ought; perform what you resolve without fail.

5. Frugality.

Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; that is, waste nothing.

6. Industry.

Lose no time; be employed in something useful.

7. Sincerity.

Use no hurtful deceit; think innocent-

ly and justly, and, if you speak, speak accordingly.

8. Justice.

Wrong none by doing injuries, or omitting the benefits that are your duty.

9. Moderation.

Avoid extremes; forbear resenting injuries so much as you think they deserve.

10. Cleanliness.

Tolerate no uncleanness in body, clothes or habitation.

11. Tranquility.

Be not disturbed at trifles, or at accidents common or unavoidable.

12. Humility.

Imitate Christ.

Where Do I Belong?

We are persuaded that God in His infinite mercy and love has a plan for each life. Our supreme happiness and greatest usefulness in blessing others depend on our finding that plan and becoming adjusted to it.

"Wherfore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is," Eph. 5:17.

In getting adjusted to God, and in finding our place in His service, there are five great steps we desire to emphasize:

1. The sin question must be settled. It is the presence and power of sin in the human heart and life which has disrupted and disjointed man in his relationship to God and all that is good. And sin must be removed, and its power broken off if that relationship is to be renewed and the favor of God regained. Acts 3:19; 2 Cor. 6:17.

2. The will of God for the daily life must be definitely sought and found. Through failure to comprehend God's plan and purpose in the things that constitute the everyday life, the whole of the happy Christian life falls short. Salvation is not something that exists in the imagination, or somewhere in space, but it has its center in, and governs and controls in every step of the daily walk here on earth.

3. To find our place and adjustment with God it is absolutely necessary that we commit all of the affairs of our life to His care.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass," Psa. 37:5.

4. Our proper place in the will of God can be maintained only as we definitely trust Him for all needed grace, and guidance in the problems and affairs of life.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God," Rom. 8:14.

5. If we are called to the work of the Lord we can only find our proper place and the ministry which He wills for us, by following Him fully, and by trusting

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News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

God Is Pouring Out His Spirit On Believing Souls in India

The other night after we had retired the noise of the native drums and tom-toms aroused us, at first faint, then louder and louder as though approaching our house. Then suddenly lights began to flash through our room. Naturally we hurriedly began to investigate the meaning and cause of the disturbance. Peering from our window we saw the road full of Hindus carrying torches (made of dry coconut leaves and tied with the green leaves) and several very bright lights. Of course, upon first impulse, any one in our position might have thought they would soon surround our house, set fire to it, or call us out for torture, but upon close observation we found that they were wholly absorbed among themselves, for in their midst were several people highly painted and gayly dressed though very scantily. To the rhythm of those drums these people threw themselves into such a frenzied dance that soon the whole crowd was worked up into a fiendish fervor and most of them joined in the dance. Thus they proceeded down the road en route to the neighboring villages to gather the Hindus and finally return to the temple in our market place for a ceremony.

Thus began an annual festival which lasted several days, in honor of one of their 300 million gods! Market day saw the culmination of the celebration. When we went to the market we found them making great preparation for the final celebration. We returned that evening to see part of the festivity. Such a throng of thousands of people crowded near the temple and vicinity that only with great difficulty did we press our way through to be able to see part of their worship and festival.

In front of the temple they had a temporary platform set on wooden wheels which was highly decorated with the native flowers and shrubbery. At about eight that evening the god of this particular temple was brought out and placed on this platform and paraded through the crowd around the market place, thus giving blessings upon all people, according to their belief. But before the god was brought out, the people came, whole families at a time, with offerings of various types. Everyone who entered into the temple to give an offering had just bathed and was dressed in his best attire. Their offering was blessed by their priest who also smeared some

"sacred" ashes on their foreheads and gave them some "sacred" ash to take home with them. He did not keep their offerings of plaintains (bananas), coconuts, etc.; he only blessed them and gave them back and how their children rejoiced to eat that "blessed" food! Other individuals brought rice, dhal (a member of the pea family), and showered it upon the platform prepared for the god. Hundreds, especially men, brought two or three coconuts each and threw them on the ground before the temple. As they burst into pieces a crowd of urchins and beggars were ready to grab them and such scrambling and snatching for the bits! I had never seen the like! Also in front of the temple were three temporary shrines on wheels. In one we saw an image of the Hindu god 'Srikrishna,' one of the incarnations of 'Vishnu' who is the keeper of the world, according to Hindu theology. 'Srikrishna's' body was blue, as it is always seen in every portrayal, and as usual he had a flute in his hand. Many people, especially the children, were blowing small reed flutes in his honor. In another of these shrines we saw 'Gunapathi,' another god, one of the children of 'Siva' who is waiting to destroy this world. 'Gunapathi' has the body of a man, but a head like an elephant—a long trunk and two tusks, but one of these tusks was broken in a fight! Many of the people brought special offerings for these particular gods and left them at the shrines. One man told us he had brought an offering for the healing of sores on his hands!

Some men donned women's dress and once a real terror struck our hearts as two hideous looking creatures came direct to us. They were dressed like monkeys with terrifying masks over their heads, a long tail, and their nude bodies well smeared with colored ashes. They were dancing along through the crowd to the music of the tom-tom. Our interpreter said they represented two monkey gods, 'Hanuman' and 'Jambwa.' A horrid sight they were! Other features of the festival were dancing and dueling, but the main feature of this day was the tiger dance. For this the men stripped off their clothing with the exception of a very scant loin cloth and painted their bodies just like the tiger's stripes. Then they performed such a weird and fiendish dance that we are told they often times go wild as a tiger itself and have to be put in chains at the close of the dance.

This celebration continued until early morning but we did not feel like staying

long amidst such, but felt rather like running to our secret chamber and interceding more earnestly than ever for the salvation of their souls.

God is blessing in the midst of all this heathenism, even pouring out His Spirit upon believing and consecrated souls. How thankful we are for His presence right in the heart of the stronghold of the devil. Do continue to pray for us. We must be strong in the Lord, fervent in the Spirit, effectual in our prayer, relentless in our efforts to witness of the saving grace of Jesus so that many souls will be saved here in these last days. We must be faithful even unto death, as was our dear Brother Stark.

In a few days we are moving to North Travancore. There is no Pentecostal work in the town where we will live. We hope you'll join us in prayer that God will use us mightily in that place to bring those people the full gospel and establish the Church of God in that place. Our address is Muvatupuzha P. O., North Travancore, South India.

God bless our faithful friends at home.—Yours for heathen India, Hoyle and Mildred Case.

State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates

Michigan Camp Meeting—June 18-25
Michigan State Convention—June 23-25
North Carolina—June 22-25
Great Northwest Camp Meeting—June 26-July 4
Kansas—June 29-July 2
Northwest Convention—July 1-4
Robarts, Sask., Canada, July 5-9
New Mexico-Colorado-Utah—July 7-9
Oklahoma—July 14-16
Pennsylvania—July 13-16
Arkansas—July 21-23
West Virginia—July 21-23
Kentucky Camp Meeting—July 24-30.
Kentucky—July 28-30
Tennessee Camp Meeting (Sevierville)—
July 20-30
Texas Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6
Texas State Convention—August 4-6
Alabama Camp Meeting—Aug. 2-13
Alabama State Convention—Aug 11-13
Maryland (Eastern Shore) Camp Meeting, August 4-13
Maryland-D. C.-Delaware - East Virginia state convention—August 11-13
Mississippi—August 10-13
Iowa Camp Meeting—August 15-25
Tennessee—July 27-30
Louisiana—August 24-27
Maine—September 1-4

No one who has a stubborn will can be in the center of God's will or directed by the Holy Spirit.

The person who is afraid to know God's will is too cowardly to do it if he did know it.

Notes From My Letters

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

Dear Brother Walker: We are glad we can report that God is blessing the work in Massachusetts and Maine. Brother Charles Plotts of Mobridge, South Dakota, did some wonderful preaching for us this winter. Brother R. R. Walker was a real blessing. Surely God sent Brother and Sister Tull and Brother Tull's brother to Worcester. They are having the largest crowds ever had there and now have a fine balance in the treasury. God is surely blessing their labors there.

Cambridge is coming to the front under the labors of Brother and Sister Heatton. They have sacrificed but God is blessing them for it. God is also blessing the faithfulness and sacrifice of Brother and Sister Murray. Sister Daden and Sister Marshall have stood faithful through all their hardships. God will reward them for it. Sister Box has stood by like a warrior of old. Brother Sammie Selleck and Sister Gladys Ryan have been a real help to the young people.

Brother and Sister Waters and the Burnett trio have been a great blessing both in Maine and Massachusetts. We thank God for all these precious workers, and their willingness to sacrifice to see the work go on for our Master. We are getting calls to open up new fields. There are precious people here in the New England states hungry for the old time gospel. We felt honored to have our General Overseer and Assistant General Overseer with us this winter. The folks of Maine love them dearly.

We are looking forward to the best Bible School and state convention that Maine has ever had. God is getting His people to the place to make this the greatest convention. Space will not permit us to tell of the many others who labored faithfully to see the Church of God rise and shine in these states. Remember us in your prayers. — R. F. Koszewitz, overseer of Maine.

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News from the L. W. W. B. at Clewiston, Florida:

We have raised near five hundred dollars in about four months, and applied it on the new parsonage. We have only seven active members. — Mrs. W. L. Brown, secretary.

Look! Telegram!

June 13, 1939, 7:42 a. m.

Rev. J. H. Walker,
Cleveland, Tennessee
Camp meeting closed with splendid in-

terest. Largest attendance in history. Continued so through last service. Mission offering \$1,369.67. Nineteen dollars and ninety-two cents above highest previous record.—E. M. Ellis, overseer of Florida.

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From Brother I. L. Benge, overseer of California, Arizona and Nevada:

We are just back from Phoenix, Arizona. Had wonderful success. A goodly number prayed through. The spiritual tide is higher than ever I saw it in Phoenix. The East Side church is in their new building, 35x40. It surely is a nice little church.

The West Side church has bought two lots on the South Side and is already starting to build a 40x60 doby building.

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May God continue to bless and help you there.

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Brother T. W. Godwin, overseer of Mississippi, reports:

Just set a church in order about four miles north of McClain with fourteen members, new members and all grown-ups.

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Brother J. A. Miller of Blythe, California, expresses his appreciation for his state overseer, Brother I. L. Benge.

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Good news from Kansas from Brother J. T. Campbell, overseer:

We are now putting a tent in a new field at Howard, Kansas. The prospects look good. Just closed a good revival at Wichita, Kansas, eighteen experiences. The Sunday School attendance at Wichita and Kansas City have more than doubled in the last four months.

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May God continue to bless in Kansas.

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From Western Canada, Brother Max Brandt writes:

In a revival at Maple Creek three been saved so far, we are looking for God to save more. Last Sunday we baptized five in water.

Good meeting at Pony Butte, Saskatchewan. One night nine sinners stayed for prayer. Brother Green and a party are opening a meeting at Gull Lake, Saskatchewan.

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May God continue blessing our people in the far away Northwest.

God Is Not Slack Concerning His Promises

ONALASKA, Tex.—Praise the Lord for His wonderful power. I praise Him for His great love to save and keep us, bless His name! I promised the Lord if He would heal my children I would praise Him for His great healing power. My little girl four years old had such a bad cold that I really believe if we had had a doctor with her he would have said it was flu. She coughed so hard until she turned spotted around her little neck. It looked like Jesus was calling her home. Oh, how real Jesus is to me. How I praise Him for healing her. I have four children and three were in bed at once with colds, and oh, how sweet it is to trust in Jesus. When He did come to my rescue He healed all of them. I have had the Holy Ghost nine years and He still abides today. I belong to the Church of God and love its teachings but I don't get to prove it because my husband is unsaved and I don't get to go to church much and I don't get to pay lots of tithes, but I am trusting God will bring the hidden to light for He knows why I don't. I have been trusting in God's wonderful divine healing power four years and He has never failed me. I want everyone who knows the power of God to pray for me that I won't fail Him. I have a baby ten months old and she has never had one dose of medicine for God has kept her safe and healed her when she got sick. Sometimes it seems I get lost from the presence of the Lord but I know He is right here with me. I just hold on to His promises because I know it is His Word and His Word is truth. Jesus said, If I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto me. Praise the Lord, I do want to lift Him up. Pray for me that I will stay humble.—Sister Ora Lee Jones.

What He Means To Me

NEWCOMB, Md.—I have felt led for sometime to write my testimony for the Lord. I haven't been in the way quite a year. I have attended the Protestant church all my life, but never received a blessing until I was led to the Church of God. I am praising my Savior for what He has done for me. Before I found the way I would worry myself almost to a nervous wreck over the least thing. I was falling off in body, but since I have taken my burdens to the Lord I am gaining every day. Praise His name! It hurts me because I can't attend every service in the Church of God and do more for my Lord. I thank Him for giving me victory over the enemy. I am not a member of the Church, but some day I expect to be one. I can't thank and praise Him enough for what He has done for me. Pray for me to hold out faithful until Jesus comes or calls.—Rowena Kilmon.

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

Dorothy Church of God is coming to the top. God is yet saving, sanctifying, baptizing with the Holy Ghost, and adding to the great Church of God, for which we praise our great Lord and King. During the month of May three were saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church, with Sister Mary Varnell doing the preaching. Please pray for me as I have a cancer on my head that gives me a lot of trouble. Pray that God will heal me if it is His will. — Mrs. Alfred Thompson. (No state given.)

We are proud of our Sunday School and Y. P. E. at Lannius. You should hear our young folks sing and make music. Our W. W. B. is doing fine too. We are proud of our faithful pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Davis. They are always on the job.

I praise the Lord for what He means to our home. Bless His name! We try to honor Him by letting Him be first. Many are beginning to realize that God should be first and that He requires their best.—Mrs. Irene Paulk, Dodd City, Tex.

I am glad to say that the church at Mt. Vale, Tenn., is going on. The L. W. W. B. work is fine. We help to put the church over the top. We are trying to do the right thing so pray for us to stay true to the Lord. God bless the work everywhere. I am so glad the Lord saved my soul.—Clenia Collett, Talbott, Tenn.

The Lord has blessed in a wonderful way at Bernard church. Our church was dedicated in February and the parsonage furniture is paid for. The people are now talking of building a parsonage. We have a fine band of Willing Workers and a real Y. P. E. Brother and Sister Waters and the Burnett trio were with us in our last Y. P. E. service. The trio rendered some good music. We have everything paid and our quotas over the top. Pray for us.—O. J. Plake, Russell Springs, Ky.

Dear Evangel readers, we are at Iva, S. C., this year. We came here last September and held a three weeks' meeting. The Lord gave us a church with fifteen members, now we have thirty-five members and a 30x40 tabernacle and it is paid for. The Lord has been gracious to us and to Him be all the glory. By His help and grace I am determined to press on till I reach the city of gold.—Nettie M. Hanvey, Box 86, Iva, S. C.

I am glad to report a new church at Holliday, Texas. It was set in order May

21, 1939, with fourteen members. Brother F. P. Kile, Box 104, Holliday, was appointed clerk. Sister Minnie Mitchell will be in charge of the work at present.—W. L. Shires, Box 241, Olney, Texas.

I praise the Lord for our Y. P. E. We had our first rally day Sunday, June 4, and it proved a great blessing. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. We certainly enjoyed the good talks and singing and the sweet presence of the Lord. We love our good pastor at W. Gastonia, Brother Garland Grooms. Pray for our young people, that God will continue to bless. Pray that I will be a blessing. I am the Y. P. E. president. I praise the Lord for His good blessings to me. — Buford Thomas, W. Gastonia, N. C.

General Report From Oklahoma

God is wonderfully blessing in Oklahoma this year, in revivals throughout the State. Many souls are praying through.

The district conventions have all been a success so far. The first one this year was at Ada, which we thought was the best since we've been in the State, but the one at Perry surpassed it. Waves of glory rolled like refreshing showers. At times the Holy Ghost would take charge and conviction seized the hearts of people and they came falling at the altar. During one of the sermons the power of the Lord was so prevalent that the Holy Ghost gave several encouraging messages to the saints. The state overseer, Brother Bloomingdale, was into the shouting as much as the others, and one lady said she was glad their overseer was not so established that he did not believe in shouting. A mission offering was taken at the close of this service. The Lord blessed in this and the people gave liberally, for which we thank the Lord. Magdalene Bloomingdale spoke on the orphanage, which was interesting, she having spent several years in the Home after her mother's death. An offering was taken for this cause.

The Maud district convention was somewhat hindered by rain but a very good delegation attended. The Lord was with us. A nice dinner was served Sunday. Every church on the district was represented; namely, Plainview, Seminole, Cromwell, and Lindsay.

The Lawton district convention was about the third best in the state, and the best we have ever had in Lawton. It far exceeded last year. The presence of the Lord was with us in a wonderful way. A trio of girls and a musician from Wichita Falls, Texas, rendered several se-

lections which were greatly enjoyed. My sister, Mary Ruth Haworth of Dallas, Texas, assisted in the music with her piano accordion, also at the piano.

We are a small state with less than a thousand members but in comparison with the number we feel that our people here measure up with some of the bigger states. Our ministers pledged unanimously on the Bible School Sevierville, Tenn., and have paid more than a hundred dollars. They have built three new parsonages and three new churches. One is a nice stone structure. We feel that if they keep this good spirit of co-operation they will be ranking with some of the bigger states in the near future.

Brother C. H. Sharp, state S. S. and Y. P. E. superintendent, has certainly been on the job this year and the Y. P. E. work has grown almost three times as large as it was last year.

The Willing Workers' Band is doing excellent work.—In His service, Mrs. Geo. M. Bloomingdale.

Dedication Service

April 16, 1939, was a sweet day at Crane Eater, Georgia, a day right royal in its engagements and in its enjoyments, and a memorable day in its comforts of inspiration.

A church of six members established in 1914 is now a church of one-hundred twenty-four saints of God.

The new pastor, Brother J. P. Green, in one-half year has performed the miracle of building a church, practically free of debt, which in town would have cost four thousand dollars. It is a 40x62, rock veneer, with a seating capacity of 450.

Some six or seven hundred people attended the dedication service. There were tuneful voices from Rome, Lindale, Dalton and surrounding communities, and the angel of music descended to dwell in the sanctuary to speak through every door and window and make a wide circle glad with heaven's joy.

It was eminently fitting that Brother E. J. Boehmer was selected to dedicate the church. It was he who set the church in order and bore the brunt of bitter opposition to its entrance in that community. He poured out four years of his consecrated life in pastoring the church. He preached with rapturous delight. His sermon was beautifully eloquent in expression, breathing the air of spiritual triumph.

Dr. Wm. Harrison, of Cleveland, Tenn., stirred the packed audience in the afternoon with a brief message on co-operation. Numerous visiting pastors and ministers gladdened the occasion. This was a blessed day. It showed that the work of this church was abundant because the spirit of the Church is holding high fellowship with God.—Glover P. Ledford.

**Perry District Convention**

The Perry district convention convened at Perry, Okla., May 19-21, with Brother Bloomingdale, state overseer, in charge. He brought the opening message, which seemed to have the desired effect, as well as those that followed. Brother Myers brought the message Saturday morning. Saturday night Brother Danu preached. Sunday morning we met early and every one seemed full of the love of God. Brother Hoggatt of Kansas brought the message. After lunch the churches were represented. The power of the Holy Ghost fell in such a great way that it was late in the afternoon before the clerks could give their reports. We thank God for such meetings. Each church on the district has just finished

a good revival so their reports were good. We appreciate Brother Bloomingdale and his good family. The work is growing under their labors. We hope they come back to the state next year as overseer.—W. C. Hill, district pastor, 315 First Street, Perry, Okla.

Louisville, Ky. Dist. Convention

The Louisville district convention convened May 19-21. Brother G. W. Lane, pastor of the Louisville church, delivered the welcome address. Messages during the convention were brought by Brother L. L. Hughes, district pastor of the Somerset district; Brother Colvin, Brother Everett Cardin, Sister Martha Ray, Brother B. L. Hicks, our beloved state overseer, Brother G. W. Lane, and Brother D. C. Rayhill. The Lord wonderfully blessed in the divine healing service Sunday morning. The missionary spirit swept the congregation when Brother Hicks delivered a soul-stirring message on "The

Macedonian Call," and an offering of \$373.00, cash and pledges, was taken. This was the most wonderful part of our convention. One was saved and one reclaimed Sunday night. We were very happy indeed to have Brother Cecil Bridges, Brother Hicks' family and Brother Willis Cardin, Western district pastor, and family with us. — Charlaine Lockard, clerk, Rt. 2, Box 14, Louisville, Ky.

Dist. Conv'n., Willow City, N. Dak.

Our ten days' revival ended with the district convention. Brother Boatwright, our state overseer, was in charge. He gave some very inspiring messages and hearts were stirred. Some were saved and some reclaimed. Brother Morehead of Minot, N. Dak., gave us a message on divine healing that brought the divine healing touch to many souls. It was a blessed service. Brother Rafferty of Lignite gave us a message on humility for which

CHURCH OF GOD AT CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

Church of God in Cambridge, Md., and a part of the Sunday night congregation. The church has recently been completely remodeled, which before would seat only about two hundred. Now it will comfortably seat around four hundred. It is modern inside and out, with paved sidewalk around the church. The above church is said by many to be the most beautiful little church inside in town. We thank the Lord for this building.

—H. L. Sorrow, pastor.

we thank the Lord. These brothers came with their cars filled with good folks. Our attendance was very good. We had to move out of the church and get a larger building. We took up a missionary offering of \$19.50. God was with us and every one did his part willingly. God blessed wonderfully. May God bless the remembrance of these services.—H. L. Hess, pastor.

District Conventions of Michigan and Ontario

We have closed our last district convention with very much interest showed in each one.

The first was Northwoodville convention. It convened at Austin church, April 21-23. A. O. Anderson, district pastor, had a very well-arranged program. The Lord blessed in a great way. His presence was in every service from the beginning to the end. Each speaker seemed to be at his best. Sunday afternoon Brother Anderson preached the mission sermon, followed by Brother C. R. Cook who gave a talk and took the offering. The people responded with \$26.00.

Second was the Detroit convention at Pontiac, Michigan, April 28-30. J. Stewart Brinsfield, district pastor, had a well-arranged program. The Lord blessed in a marvelous way. There was the largest attendance that Pontiac ever had in any convention. Sunday afternoon P. P. Carpenter spoke on the subject "Our Responsibility to the Underprivileged." Following was the mission offering which was \$51.20.

The last was the Flint district convention. It convened at West Flint church, May 19-21. The service was opened with a well-filled house. L. L. Turner, district overseer, and pastor of the local church, gave the welcome address. The Lord's presence was in each service and He blessed in a wonderful way. Sunday morning the writer delivered the mission sermon and took the offering, \$108.00 in cash and pledges.

I thank the pastors and churches for their co-operation in making the conventions a success.—C. H. Standifer, state overseer of Michigan and Central Canada.

Lignite District Convention

The district convention of the Church of God at Lignite, N. Dak., is over and what a wonderful time we had in the Lord. It lasted three days, which were filled with the blessings of the Lord. The good women of the church saw to it that there was plenty to eat each day. Every one co-operated to make the convention a success. Our state overseer, Brother D. C. Boatwright, was with us and preached Sunday afternoon and evening. Brother Morehead of Minot was with us and preached Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon

we had our mission program and certainly the Lord was with us in a great way. The good people gave of their means far beyond our expectations, because of the drouth in this part of the country. The convention was held in the new portable tabernacle and it was filled to overflowing. We thank the Lord for His wonderful blessings.—J. Andrew Rafferty, pastor.

Hayesville District Convention

The Hayesville district convention convened at Shooting Creek, N. C., May 20, 21, under the management of E. W. Williams, state overseer, and C. P. Gallaway, district pastor. The convention was opened by a special meeting for ministers, local church, Y. P. E. and Sunday School officials. The welcome address was given by Flora E. Golden, leader of the local church, and the response was given by Brothers George Houston and E. L. Hooper. The work of the district Y. P. E. and Sunday Schools was reported by Frank G. Rochester, district superintendent. Messages during the convention were delivered by Brother E. W. Williams, Sister Sprinkle, Brother Paul Stallings, State Y. P. E. and S. S. Superintendent, Brother Frank Rochester, Brother Fred Allen and Brother Houston. After a short talk on missions, an offering of \$56.00 was taken. We were favored with lots of good special music including the orphanage trio of Cleveland, Tenn. Our souls were made to rejoice throughout the convention by the sweet presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. It was said to be the best and largest convention in the history of the district.

Brother Boehmer, General Secretary and Treasurer, and other visiting ministers were a great blessing to the services. We are thankful to have as able a leader as Brother Williams for our state overseer. We believe every one returned home with a greater determination to do more for God than ever before. Pray that God will continue to bless this district.—Flora Gene Golden.

The New River District Convention

The New River district convention convened at Cliffview, Va., May 5-7. I am glad to report a great convention. We felt the sweet presence of God from the first service. Brother T. C. Wiggins, pastor, gave the welcome address. We enjoyed the good singing by the choir and the music by the string band. Through the day Saturday we enjoyed the presence of the Lord and the messages given by the different ministers on the district. Brother Morefield of Pulaski brought a soul-stirring message. Brother Dorman brought a wonderful message on Sunday morning. We feel that all were benefited by the message. Brother Wiggins made a short talk on missions and an offering

of \$33.00 was taken for same.—Edna Wiggins, district convention clerk.

District Fellowship Meetings

Truly we are glad for the way the Lord is blessing in our district fellowship meetings. These meetings are proving a blessing to the churches on the district. There is greater unity and love among the people, and above all, we are glad for the way the presence and power of the Holy Ghost is manifested in our midst, to convict and save souls. We are glad for each pastor and worker on the district.

Our next fellowship meeting will be at Slaton the third Sunday in June, then at Lubbock in July. Come and enjoy the good blessings with us. Please pray for us and for the churches in this part of the state as the laborers are few.—Mamie Fields, 302 Ave. H., Lubbock, Tex.

Praise the Lord!

I praise Jesus for His goodness and for leading me into the Church of God in Ft. Wayne, Ind. I praise Him for picking me up out of the awful gulf of sin. I am so glad today that I can report victory in my soul. I have been a member of this great Church for only six months and have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for healing power. He has healed my body many times. My only desire is to go all the way with Him who bled and died for me. I want to go in the highway and hedges and work for my Jesus. I am praying earnestly for the Lord to get hold of more young people because the young of today will be the Church of tomorrow. I ask an interest in your prayers on this subject. Pray for me that I will prove faithful to Jesus.—Brother Richard E. Huyett, 1409 McCulloch St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The Lord Is Blessing in Brownfield

BROWNFIELD, Tex.—We thank the Lord for the way He is working here at Brownfield. It hasn't been long since we closed a three weeks' revival with our pastor, Brother Norman Suiter, doing the preaching. There were three filled with the Holy Ghost and others are interested. We are looking for a greater revival in the future. We all love Brother and Sister Suiter and think they are doing their best for this church. Our Sunday School and Y. P. E. have increased and we have our Willing Workers Band going good now.

We had an all-day service Mother's Day. We heard some fine sermons and talks by visiting ministers and others. They were all on fire for the Lord. We put on a Mother's Day program Sunday night. Everyone is willing to work here now and we are praying for a better church. We ask all who read this to please pray for us.—Lora Wood.



Brother G. M. Williams of Tennille, Ga., came May 6 and held a two weeks' revival in a tent at this place. It was new to the people to hear the saints praise God and shout the victory in His blessed name. The scriptures were given out in demonstration and power. The testimonies were convincing and the singing good. Everybody seemed to enjoy it. Brother Williams was assisted by Brother Hand of Gibson, Brother De Golyer of Matthews, Sister Fannie Duncan of Augusta, Ga., and Brother Jones of Tennille. We can't see great results as yet but with such a cloud of witnesses and the precious Word preached in power, I am sure much good seed was sown which will bear fruit in time. My heart was surely gladdened as I have been praying so hard for these people, all dear to me, that they could get a closer walk with God and the sinners be saved and get ready to meet Jesus when He comes or calls.

Dear saints, help me pray for this place, that God will send more workers here and victory may crown our efforts. I praise the dear Lord that I am still on the glory way and keeping close to our Lord. "Tis sweet to know I am His and He is mine." Oh, let us keep working and praying till He comes.—Yours for service, Sister Rosa B. Murphy, Box 12, Bartow, Ga.

We have just closed a wonderful revival at Delbarton, W. Va., with about seven saved, five sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. We began our district convention April 7 and closed out May 28. We had Sister Salmons with us the first three weeks. The Lord blessed her in preaching. Then Sister Alberta Wiggins arrived from Florida and it seemed like new life was in the services so we continued four weeks longer. The strike was on during that time but we surely did redeem the time. We won't be able to give all the details in such few words but the Lord was here in a great measure, for which we praise Him. We had a few days' rest, then on June 3 we began our district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention of the Wayne and Mingo districts, at Kermit, W. Va. A number of churches were on the job with their programs and songs which were edifying to all. We thank the pastors, superintendents and Y. P. E. presidents for their co-operation in this good work. May God bless every one of you.—E. H. Bowen, district overseer.

We have just closed a three weeks' revival at Eccles, W. Va. To say it was a

glorious revival would not express it fully. Twenty-nine were saved, nineteen sanctified, nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen baptized in water, and seven added to the church. Our eighteen-year-old exhorter, Brother Raymond Callahan, did the preaching, assisted by Brother Forest Cantley. Pray for us.—Mrs. Dovie Coats, leader.

We just came to Houston, Texas, in March and would like to take this means of greeting all our old friends and saints in the Northwest, especially in Mobridge, S. Dak. We feel right at home with the saints here and enjoyed a fine revival conducted here from April 30 to May 14. Brother E. W. Smith of Overton, Texas, preached every night, assisted by our good pastor, Brother R. Brous. We had special singing by Sisters Smith and Brous and daughter, Miss Edith Brous. A number of unsaved sought salvation, three backsliders were gloriously reclaimed and refilled with the Holy Ghost. God blessed the closing service with an exceptionally large crowd and six new members joining our church here. Pray that God will always keep us

where we can serve Him and that we all might be ready to "go up" when Jesus splits the heavens and descends for His own.—Yours in Christ, Brother and Sister Henry Heil and family.

We praise the Lord for the revival which closed here June 4, which ran about four weeks, with Sister Florence Kinsley doing the preaching. I truly praise God for Sister Kinsley. She surely preached the Word of God and her loving spirit encouraged the saints and blessed many sinners. Several were saved, sanctified and filled with the good Holy Ghost. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing Sunday night and God surely blessed in a marvelous way. Eight were added to the church. We learned to love Sister and Brother Kinsley. May God bless them in their work for lost souls. She told us much about the missionary work in Africa. Please pray for the church at Shelburn, that we may stand true until Jesus comes. We truly praise God for our good overseer and wife, Brother and Sister Staats, who have worked so faithfully this year.—Mrs. Blande Oakes, Shelburn, Ind.

Tennessee State Camp Meeting

Sevierville, Tennessee, July 20-30

Do you plan a vacation? If you do, set your date for July 20-30, and attend the Tennessee State Camp Meeting at Sevierville, Tenn., in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains.

A large tent seating more than a thousand people, located on the campus of the Church of God Bible Training School, will mark the place of the gathering. Nice dormitory rooms, with all furnishings except linens, can be had for the price of \$2.00 for the ten days. Rooms without furnishing may be had for \$1.00. There will be plenty of room for tents and camp trailers. Meals will be served in the Bible School dining room at reasonable rates. Special rates for those who attend the entire camp meeting.

Ten days of spiritual feasting. Sunrise prayer service, the best of singing, and free-for-all experience meetings will be the features of this wonderful gathering. A good place to be saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and a good place to enjoy the blessings you are now in possession of.

The preaching will be done by the Tennessee preachers and visitors from other states. Among the distinguished guest speakers will be J. H. Walker, General Overseer, R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, S. W. Latimer, Editor and Publisher, E. J. Bohemer, General Secretary, A. V. Beaube, Overseer of South Carolina, Evangelist James Slay, of Alabama, Dr. Helen L. Morrow, Miss Margaret James and many others from whom we have not heard. Alda B. Harrison will be in charge of young people's Bible study.

Make your arrangements now to attend this great camp meeting.

Camp meeting committee: W. J. Milligan, Knoxville, Tenn., Archie Swiger, Sevierville, Tenn., and Clifford Jenkerson, Sevierville, Tenn. Address all enquiries to Clifford Jenkerson.

E. L. SIMMONS, Overseer of Tennessee.

The things I am thankful for and the important events that have occurred in my life are too numerous to mention. One event I am thankful for and that is when I was filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, and it seems as though I had another filling during our last revival in which the Lord really blessed. Twenty were saved, twenty-three sanctified, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost and twelve added to the church. Listen folks, if you don't believe the Church of God in Harrisburg is on fire for God, we just ask you to pay us a visit. Ray T. Hill was the evangelist. If anybody is an enemy to Satan, surely Brother Hill is, for he preached the Word uncompromisingly. Some went away sad, some glad and some mad.

A week before the revival started we began to pray at a special time during the day for God to come on the scene in a great way and not only stir the church to a point of activity but stir the entire town, and sure enough before the revival closed Harrisburg was really stirred, from the officials down to the laboring class of people. I didn't know the Church of God did have so many friends. Yes, we prayed for God to stir the town but didn't expect it to come about like it did. Thanks be unto God who giveth the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are planning to begin another revival soon, under a big tent right in the heart of town, so pray for us.—Melvin O. Smith, 820 W. Popular St., Harrisburg, Ill.

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We have just closed a revival at Sumiton, Ala., Church of God with T. G. Pearson doing the preaching. Fourteen souls were saved, twelve sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. The Lord was with us in every service and we feel that much good was done at this place. Pray for us.—Dorothy Hillman, 204 Alma Ave., Pratt City, Ala.

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We have just one of the most outstanding revivals that Marked Tree ever witnessed. Fifteen were saved, five received the Holy Ghost, many healings were witnessed and devils cast out. The saints who attended the nine o'clock prayer meeting and Bible study conducted by Sister Spradley were greatly built up in the faith and Word. Sister Louise Spradley rendered service in singing songs. One very influential man of the Marked Tree community, Brother Earl Phillips, was gloriously saved one night as Sister Louise sang "The Man of Galilee." The success of this meeting was brought about by much fasting and prayer, realizing that we can do nothing within ourselves but can do everything through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13. I really praise God for the

peculiar ministry of fasting and prayer. Many are learned and mighty in word but powerless because of the much need of hiding away with God in prayer. We who are to carry this blessed Word to others must look to Jesus as our example of patience and suffering and remember that He left the multitude and departed into a desert place to pray.

We thank God for the five souls saved out at Dubard Chapel. I am trusting God that a great Church of God will grow out of this small group. I am thankful for the love and co-operation that was given us by the Marked Tree saints, including the pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Howard. When we who are laborers together really labor together we can go forward in this great battle for God.—Ophelia E. Spradley and Louise Spradley, 3321 Rosamond Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

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We have just closed a revival here with Brother Shires of Olney doing the preaching. Souls were blessed. The great good done only the judgment will tell. Several were saved and sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Dear ones, I am wondering if we realize the value of one soul. We have known of great revivals (seemed to be), where large numbers received the Holy Ghost and in about six months many of them had gone back. "Brother So and So gets calls from everywhere and can't fill them." On the other hand we hear of a meeting (some call it), where just one received the Holy Ghost. Nothing is said about the meeting. The evangelist goes on preaching the Word of God, living a consecrated life; no one sends for him. After years possibly six or eight revivals break out, numbers shout their way to victory and the report goes out. Who is the evangelist? The one who got the Holy Ghost in the former revival. Nothing was thought of the meeting then but now the results can be seen. Do we value one soul or look at the great number that didn't stand where the great report went out? Every one will do well to get Brother Shires, if you want a man of God and good preacher.—L. C. Pennington, district pastor, Mobeetie, Texas.

Victory in My Soul

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn.—I thank God for victory just now. Praise His name. I thank Him for picking me up out of sin and placing my feet on the solid rock which is Christ Jesus. I was fifteen years of age when Jesus saved, sanctified and gave me the Holy Ghost: I'm seventeen years of age now. I belong to the Church of God and am not ashamed of it. I mean to stand true to Jesus until He comes and catches His waiting Bride away, and I don't think it will be long until that day. Friends everywhere, the thing for us to do is to be

ready when He comes. There will be only a few who will enter in at the strait gate, for Jesus tells us in Matt. 7:13, 14, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

I have many temptations since I have salvation but the harder the cross the brighter the crown. He is always able to carry us through out trials and temptations. I want to do or say something that will cause some one to turn from sin. People will say you can't live free from sin when Jesus said, "Go and sin no more." No sin is going to enter heaven. All will be holy who go there, and I want to be in the number when they gather round the throne. That will be a happy and glorious time.

I have a good father and mother. They are filled with the Holy Ghost too. I am glad they have taught me the way of holiness and by the help of Jesus I'm going to make heaven my home. We always pray at night before we go to bed. Sometimes we have a real prayer meeting, some sing and some shout. Thank the Lord for a home like that. When you pray remember me in your prayers. Pray for us to be witnesses for Jesus everywhere we go, and stay humble and true until He calls us home to glory.—Miss Mazie Waldrop, Rt. 5.

Thank God For Salvation

KEW TURKS ISLAND, B. W. I.—Thank God for salvation full and free. Thank God I am still sanctified and still determined to follow Jesus all the way and by the help and grace of God I want to make heaven my home. I am sixteen years old. Thank God for saving grace and keeping power. I want to win souls for Christ.—Sister Marie Jestaina Musgrave.

Victory Through the Blood of Jesus

KEW TURK ISLAND, B. W. I.—I praise God for victory. I thank Him for His Son. I can report victory through the blood of Jesus. I'm still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God. I was saved seven years ago. I am sixteen years old, but I am trying to do all I can. The least we do for Jesus will be precious in His sight and He said, If I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto me. Please pray for me that I will be a live stone in the building.—Miss Dimple M. Capron.

All of the question marks must be erased from my life by my own hand if God's will is done in me.



PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body.—Mrs. D. B. Hatfield, Garrison, W. Va.

The healing of my husband of heart trouble and high blood pressure.—Mrs. G. C. Dunn, Thorn, Miss.

The healing of my father; my husband and me to get right with the Lord.—Mrs. James Farley, Isola, Miss.

The healing of W. C. Wilkinson's back; our faith to be increased; closer walk with God.—Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson, Rt. 1, Thomasville, Ala.

My eyes to be made strong; very special request; us to draw closer to God; loved ones to be saved; daughter to draw closer to God.—Edna Deck, Alvin, Ill.

The healing of my husband's body; the church here.—Mrs. B. A. Ratchford, Big Spring, Texas.

Me to be healed of head and stomach trouble, to be able to fully trust God and overcome; for a good revival here.—Matilda Hunt, Dudley, Mo.

The healing of Fred Caldwell's body and his soul to be saved; my boy to be healed.—Mrs. Nora Harmon, Isola, Miss.

Our revival; that my friends and relatives will be saved; for me to have more faith.—Mrs. C. G. Cross, Rt. 2, Douglasville, Ga.

For God to remove a burden from my heart and give me the joy of salvation; that my faith may be increased and I may be a soul winner.—Mrs. N. C. Dodson, Carthage, Tenn.

The healing of our daughter of malaria.—F. J. Rudesill, Bald Knob, Ark., Rt. 1.

My brother and family to be saved; that I will do the Lord's will and have a closer walk with Him.—Mrs. Nettie Massey, Rt. 1, Roswell, Ga.

A special, unspoken request, for God to undertake; for God to richly bless Brother Trosher who was such a blessing to us in Pensacola.—Mrs. L. C. Henderson, 1000 E. Cross St., Pensacola, Fla.

Me and my husband to overcome.—Mrs. Ethel Undergriff, Rt. 2, Hixson, Tenn.

The healing of my body, I have pyorrhea of the gums; the people here.—R. S. Lyons, Pulaski, Va.

Healing of my little grandson.—Ganie Holland, Rt. 2, West Point, Miss.

My baby; healing of my body of heart trouble and smothering spells; my home.—Mrs. Velma Cracker, Shaw, Miss.

My husband who was nearly killed several days ago.—Mrs. Hazel Bonine, Hardy, Ark.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; my

kinsmen and friends to get God's blessing; my home.—Mrs. Dorothy Bunton, Rt. 2, Hattiesburg, Miss.

That we will follow Jesus and be a light for Him; our friends, neighbors and relatives.—Jesken Martin, Red Elm, S. Dak.

My mother who has a broken breast bone.—Lovey Nunis, 80 Grady St., Douglasville, Ga.

Me to be healed of all my sickness; my brother and sister to be restored to their health and minds.—Patsy Gayness, Box W, Marion, Va.

The healing of my body; my unsaved loved ones.—Bessie Austin, Rt. 3, Box 97, Albany, Ga.

My baby to be healed of a bad stomach trouble; my home; the Lord to make a way for me to be baptized.—Mrs. Albert Shepard, Rt. 1, Stillmore, Ga.

My body to be healed, flu settled on my stomach; my children to be saved; my sister to be healed who thinks she has cancer.—Mrs. Minnie Sloan, Rt. 2, Walhalla, S. C.

A friend to be saved; an unspoken request.—Pearl Vanderford, Lockhart, S. C.

My body to be healed, I had a nervous breakdown a little over three years ago, still unable to work.—Lawrence Labever, Rt. 2, Cookeville, Tenn.

My daughter to be healed who has been in hospital fifteen months.—J. W. Gary, Arcola, Miss.

That I will grow strong in Jesus and trust Him for everything; my mother to be healed and receive the Holy Ghost. She is Mrs. Mattie O. Cantrell, Rt. 3, Box 29 1/4, Huntsville, Ala.

Me to be completely healed.—Grace Bishop, Thunder Hawk, S. Dak.

Healed of Ulcerated Stomach

I shout my praises to God for His great healing power, both soul and body. Hallelujah! In the year of 1936 I was taken to the doctor in Nashville, Ga. I was so weak and nervous and had such a pain, seemingly I could hardly live. I began taking his treatment for my stomach. For six weeks I went every other day for a shot. My arms were so sore I could hardly move them, but I was willing to do anything for those pains to be moved. He also put me on a diet and forbade me to eat anything except what he told me and that was very little. I weighed only one hundred twenty-eight or thirty pounds. I was under his care for a year.

I had a sister in Sebring, Fla., so I decided to go stay with her. Finally my mother and dad moved down there. Seemingly, I began to grow worse. I changed to the doctor here in Sebring but nothing seemed to do any good.

Thank the Lord, He sent Brother Sumner here to run a revival. I began

to attend the meetings. One night the Lord spoke to me and I found myself at the altar, which I had never dreamed of doing. I had never been able to see into holiness and I was young and thought I had plenty of time. I couldn't pray that night. I began talking to Brother Sumner about my body's condition. He suggested I let the praying people pray for me, also explained divine healing to me. I found myself praying almost without ceasing, and glory to my God, my eyes opened and I found nothing in the precious Bible but Church of God holiness. Praise His holy name.

Heb. 13:8 tells us He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Hallelujah! He whispered so sweetly to me saying, "You are healed and your sins are forgiven you." Thank God, I feel good. I believed and got up and, hallelujah, I knew I was healed. Thank the Lord. The enemy wouldn't leave me alone. The pain and dark doubts tried to get the best of me, but I knew I was healed. I prayed and trusted and clung to the Rock of Ages. I got up the next morning after the Lord graciously healed me and laid aside my medicine and diet. My mother thought I was crazy. She worried and cried but I still clung to God, for He did it all for me. Now I weigh one hundred fifty-five and have good health. I am also sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Thank the Lord. I am still trusting God for the healing of my body. I haven't taken medicine since the Lord graciously healed me.

Please pray that I will always stand true to God. I am young but I am so happy to say I am proud of holiness. I received the Holy Ghost under our new pastor, Brother L. B. Thomas' ministry. I dearly love Brother Thomas, he has been a blessing to me. I love to testify of God's great healing power. Pray for me.—Willie Mitchell, 424 Maple St., Sebring, Fla.

I Have Sweet Peace in My Soul

McCOOL, Miss. — Dear friends in Christ, I surely have had a sweet experience with my Savior and Redeemer. I will never be able to thank Him enough for His goodness to me. I tried a part of twenty years to get salvation my way before I was convinced, but thanks be to God this day for that sweet peace in my soul. I was saved near Merigold, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost at the same place.

Before this time my wife and I prayed for God to help us, for we realized we couldn't do anything for ourselves. Soon after that God sent a lady preacher to Merigold. I was looking for God to help. She was preaching from the platform at the depot. It seemed that someone spoke to me and said, "Here is my true gospel." so I listened very carefully. Being a

Bible reader helped me to understand that it was God's plan of salvation. The preacher was Evangelist Mary E. White of Blackton, Ark. When she got through I asked her where the meeting was going on and she said, "West about two miles." My family and I began going. Most of my family had been ducked in water to be worse sinners, but thanks be to God for the real baptism of the Holy Ghost, that baptism that gave me and my family peace in our souls and all six of us in the family got the Holy Ghost but the baby. The trials surely are fiery sometimes, but the Lord said He would not let us be tried above that we would be able to bear. I had children grown when I heard the true gospel and saw the light, but I certainly thank the Lord for His healing power. I had rheumatism at that time but thanks be to God, the next day when I thought about it it was gone. That is one reason I can't thank my dear Savior enough. He has healed me so many times and I have victory over Satan at this present time.

I hope you saints will remember me in prayer that I will grow stronger in the Lord. When I was first saved and received the Holy Ghost my baby boy almost died. The devil told me he would die, but thank the Lord, He told me if I would be willing to preach He would heal him that hour. Family and I prayed for him and God heard and answered our prayers. I am so thankful that we have a living God to worship; one with an all-seeing eye, one who has all power in heaven and in earth. Pray for God to bless in this community.—Sam W. Kellum, Rt. 3.

Evangel Real Food to My Soul

OLNEY, Okla.—I praise God for the Evangel, it's real food to my soul. I like to read the good old testimonies and know we still have real soldiers for God.

I also praise God for true blue saints like Brother and Sister Stark. It means much for brothers and sisters to leave their homes, fathers, mothers, loved ones and follow that low, sweet voice of Jesus to that far away heathen land, trying to teach others the holy way. It saddened my heart to hear of Brother Edmond's death, but we know he's gone to be with Jesus. He stayed around us lots. He proved to be a real child of God, always wore a smile and was loved by all who knew him. My prayers go out for his dear wife, father, mother and loved ones in this sad and lonely hour. May God bless and help Sister Stark through. Reading about things that our brothers and sisters have to go through makes me want to do more for Jesus. I ask your prayers that I'll grow stronger and be more humble and obedient to Jesus. I have loved ones in sin to be remembered in prayer.—Mrs. Homer Davidson.

NOTICES

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vention—July 21-23. Ministers, please advertise the camp meeting and convention at your local churches. Each pastor is expected to bring a one hundred per cent report on the Church's program. Everyone come prepared to take care of yourself. There will be plenty of camping space for everyone. Free entertainment will be furnished for all the out-of-state ministers.—Wilma Henry, overseer of Arkansas, 4618 W. 29th St., Little Rock, Ark.

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We have been here at Hart, Tex., for years without a church. We are both saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God. We are willing to help some evangelist start a work here for God. We would like to rent or lease a tent or get an evangelist who has a tent as we don't have a building to hold a meeting in and, of course, no brush to build an arbor here. If anyone knows of a tent, please let us know.

Dear evangelist, if you want to do something for God, I don't believe you can find a more needy field. Everybody pray that God will help us get a work started here for God. We live two and one-half miles north of Olton, Tex., but get our mail from Hart, Tex., Route 3.—Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Howard.

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Sunday, July 2, there will be a homecoming at the Church of God at Somerset, Ky. All members please come. Those who can't come, please send an offering to help on our new parsonage. We will have dinner on the ground. All churches on the district are invited.—L. L. Hughes, pastor, 139 Cotter Ave., Somerset, Ky.

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To whom it may concern: J. A. Tant is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God.—H. L. Whittington, overseer of Alabama.

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To the Church of God in Oklahoma: Our state convention and camp meeting will convene at Maud, Okla., this year. Date of convention, July 14-16. The camp meeting follows the convention, closing the night of July 19. We extend an invitation to all to come. We are expecting the best this year in the history of the Church. I know of one church which has been having prayer meeting for some time every morning at nine o'clock for the state convention and camp meeting.

Just a word to our home folks: Be sure to bring your bedding with you if you are planning to camp. If you have a tent, bring it with you.

District pastors, please see to it that each church on your district takes a mis-

sion offering in their church to bring with you to the state convention. This is to be put in the regular mission offering that we may give the dear folks who can't come a chance to help in this worthy cause. I want each district pastor to report to me when you arrive at the camp ground the amount of mission money you have with you. After the mission offering is taken I want to give a report of the amount each district pastor brought with him for this special offering. We want to surpass what we did last year and we can by the help of the Lord and our faithful efforts. We are expecting Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, Brother S. J. Wood of New Mexico and other visiting ministers and workers. Come on, Oklahoma, let us strive together, as we have all the year, to make this the biggest and best yet for God.—G. M. Bloomingdale, overseer of Oklahoma.

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Brother Geo. W. Grubbs will hold an all-day meeting at St. Albans July 4. Come along and enjoy a wonderful time in the Lord. We expect to see Davis Creek, Cedar Grove, Huntington, Hubbard, Shrewsbury, Crown Hill, Smithers and East Bank as well as anyone else. Come and bring a well-filled basket, also bring some special songs with you.—Sister Dolly Cook, Belle, W. Va.

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We wish to announce a revival campaign starting on June 25 to continue through July 9. Brother A. V. Beaube, state overseer of South Carolina in charge. A special invitation is extended to all ministers. The Duncan Sisters Trio of Greenville, S. C. will be featured throughout the meeting. COME, EVERYBODY WELCOME.—Porter M. White, pastor, King and Sumter Sts., Charleston, S. C.

New Church Set in Order

A new church has been set in order on the Carrollton, Ga. district. J. F. Brown assisted Brother W. O. Boheler, a young minister from Blacksburg, S. C., for three weeks, and Brother Boheler who was appointed pastor continued the meeting the fourth week. The church is in Tallapoosa, Ga. As Brother Boheler feels the call to evangelistic work, another pastor has been selected to take the work and he is back on the field in the state of Georgia. You may get in touch with him by writing Brother John C. Jernigan, state overseer, 1449 Mozley Place, S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

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Those whose greatest soul passion is to be in harmony with God and the teaching of the Scriptures will have no trouble keeping in harmony with their brethren and getting their rightful place among them.

FLORIDA CAMP MEETING A RECORD BREAKER

The 1939 Florida camp meeting has come and gone and the complete results will only be made known in eternity. From the opening night until the close, wave after wave of glory swept across the huge tabernacle lighting the faces of the children of God and bringing genuine Holy Ghost conviction to the sinner. Numbers prayed through to real victory. Never have a group of preachers and people labored together with more unity and love than was manifested in the Wimauma camp meeting.

In many ways the camp meeting was a record breaker. The number of visitors from other states was the greatest that had been seen on the camp grounds in the history of the Wimauma camp meeting. The spiritual tide ran high throughout the ten days. Brother E. M. Ellis, state overseer, presided except during the first two days when Brother J. H. Walker, General Overseer, presided during the convention proceedings.

The early morning sunrise services held daily at 6:30 were largely attended and these services were the beginning of a day of glory. The Bible Study, conducted by Brother Zeno C. Tharp at 8:30 were highly interesting and instructive. The interest in the Bible Study grew until the very last study period. The 11:00 o'clock services were times of precious fellowship among the people of God, the preachers at this service devoting their messages to instructing the child of God. At 2:30 the old bell would ring again and the tabernacle would resound to the songs and shouts and prayers of saint and sinner. The evening messages were largely evangelistic in their nature. Several times the huge tabernacle would be filled to overflow with hundreds listening in from the near-by grounds.

The preachers were at their best. Many who have attended the Wimauma camp meeting for several years, said the preaching this year was the deepest and most searching they had ever heard. The attention and interest of the sinner was deep and profound. The preachers had the old-fashioned anointing from heaven as they declared the eternal truths of the Bible.

MISSIONS

The mission offering this year exceeded all previous efforts. The exact amount will be made known later. This was due in a measure to the services of Brother Paul H. Walker, Representative of the Mission Board, who was tireless in promoting the cause of missions during the camp meeting. Brother Walker showed some picture slides on the last Saturday night of the camp meeting, depicting the lives of devil worshipers, superstition-bound men and women of the South Seas. Then he showed how they had accepted the gospel and were devot-

ing their very lives to the cause of Christ. The people were moved by these pictures and gave unstintingly of their means. On the last Sunday afternoon it was discovered that with \$85.00 all mission offering records would be broken. It was suggested that Brother Ellis, Vep and Clyde Ogle sing "The Old Gospel Ship." Brother Ellis really "put out" on that song and the dollars came. Thank God for every penny that will be used in declaring the "gospel of the kingdom" throughout the world.

Y. P. E. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent Stanfield's report showed great increases in attendance in both these departments over last year. The Y. P. E. program on Wednesday afternoon was a scene that will linger forever. Brother Stanfield called for the young people who had been saved since the Assembly to occupy the front rows or benches. They came forward by the scores, their faces shining with the glory of God. The power came down as they shouted, danced and gave God the glory. The altar was soon full and such a time as they had praying, both young and old, through to a Holy Ghost experience. The night program was equally impressive, showing the sad state of those who looked away from the rugged cross they were carrying to the wily pleas of Satan. As the devil won them, then banished them into outer darkness, their screams were frightful to hear. God was really in that program. Hundreds cried and wept as the lost were banished. But when the faithful received their crowns of rejoicing what mighty shouts filled the air as they "traded the old cross for the crown." Brother R. P. Johnson stepped quickly to the microphone and in two or three minutes the long altar was lined three and four deep.

L. W. W. B.

The ladies certainly presented a grand program under the direction of Sister Lowery. Their report showed great progress over the state. All the ministers stood and praised God for the willing workers.

The following ministers preached during the camp meeting: Carl White, J. M. Hodge, Zeno C. Tharp, J. W. Sullivan, V. B. Rains, O. C. Crank, J. T. Roberts, W. H. Maxwell, J. H. Walker, General Overseer; P. H. Walker, L. B. Hammond, J. A. Self, E. O. Kerse, J. A. Cross, H. L. Chesser, R. E. Drymon, Mitchell Thomas, E. W. Williams, overseer of North Carolina, Albert Childers, also of N. Carolina, A. V. Beabe, overseer of South Carolina, Earl Paultk, pastor, Greenville, S. C., H. E. Stone, W. L. Brown, R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, R. R. Walker, Paul Taylor, B. L. Hicks, overseer of Kentucky, S. A. Keen.

Both ministry and laity pledged themselves to bend every effort to win souls

for God and advance the interests of the Church of God wherever possible. Brother Ellis, the genial overseer, kept the "Ellis smile" during the entire meeting. The music was under the general direction of Vep Ellis, assisted by Clyde Ogle. Special singers were both numerous and good. May God grant that if death or distance separates us we shall all be at the greater camp meeting in the skies.—Reporter, J. W. Sullivan.

Perry-Scope

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Him wholly to reveal His will and direct us into the way which He has chosen for us.

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye," Psa. 32:8.

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that wonderful song as they descend on the clouds of heaven, and, no doubt, they will join in, and as they touch the earth they will join this great company with Jesus as the mighty conqueror of all the forces of evil. Though they will have to suffer this will be a great time and all their suffering fades into insignificance when Jesus lavishes on them all the glory of His Father.

Soul Rest

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posed. But the thing that was going on was the thing coming to pass that the prophet Joel spoke of, Joel 2:28, 29, the pouring out of the Spirit upon ALL flesh. On Pentecost it came to pass and it is still happening today to them that believe God and don't doubt.

Because people don't believe in this blessing doesn't make it not so. If you are doubting this you are just keeping that much of the blessings of God out of your precious life. I, with the Word of God backing me up, wish everybody would see how much they could do for God and how much they could get from God instead of seeing how little they can get and do. We should be ashamed.

Now the people saw the followers of Jesus acting like drunk people. Yes, they were shouting and carrying on just like the Holiness crowd (THE CHURCH OF GOD) does today. Now what did they hear? Surely they heard the Holy Ghost. He (the Holy Ghost) was speaking. Many would not believe, as they do today. Peter said, "He shed forth this which ye now see and hear." Surely they were talking in tongues. He said that He (the Holy Ghost) would testify when He came, and that He did. Coming any other way would not have been Bible doctrine.

God can not and will not tell us anything false. He is a God that can't lie: The Lord said He would not leave us

comfortless, but many are without the Comforter today. When Jesus was here He was the Comforter but He is not here in person, therefore, He wants us to receive the Holy Ghost. Won't you receive Him? He is for you and your children and for them that are afar off (US GENTILES), even as many as the Lord our God shall call. If you are called to repentance, or ever have been, the Holy Ghost is for you. The Lord's will is that all be saved and none perish. Many are in the world today without the Comforter. You must ask for it as you did for conversion. Ask and ye shall receive. Surely God's Word is true. If it is not necessary to get the baptism of the Holy Ghost, why did the Lord command an unnecessary thing? If you believe Him for conversion, healing, water baptism, gifts, sanctification and for many other things, why not believe Him for the Holy Ghost? Isa. 28:11, 12, says "For with stammering lips and another tongue (Holy Ghost) will he (God) speak to this people. To whom He said, This is the rest wherewithal ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear." Will you hear and obey God?

The Training of Children in the Home

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the boss; that you must be obeyed in everything. You make your horse obey you. You make your dog mind you. You begin to train them when they are young, so they will be of some account when they are grown up. Yet you see your boy or your girl take the first step that may lead to utter ruin, and do not restrain them. They may steal the pennies or the sugar. They may run up a bill, without your knowledge, at the drug store, for ice cream and other things. They play rook, bridge, ping pong, and other games. "There is no harm in such innocent amusement," they say; but these games will keep them away from prayer meeting. They take off the keen edge and sap your victory. They belong to the world, and are the first steps to the pool room, theater and gambling table.

Now there is another noble Bible character, in striking contrast to Eli, and his name is Job. He was Jacob's grandson. Issachar was his father's name. To prove this, look at 1 Chron. 7:1, "Puah, whose name was Job, he made sacrifice and sanctified them." Job 1:5. He did so every day. He watched over his children. He was faithful over his

house, and God blessed him, despite his trials.

Selfishness, jealousy and pride are other things to watch for.

Our government is providing money for all kinds of diseases of stock, poultry, and even to take care of sick cats and dogs, and seeking the betterment of everything except children. The Bible is ignored when it comes to training the child. It takes love and understanding and watchfulness to cope with the ways of the sinful world, praying daily with your children and family. Worship gets them in the habit of praying. While young let them read for you, and even suggest the chapter or subject to be discussed. Let them have a part. It teaches them to look to God, and not to depend altogether on your prayers.

Some will say that teaching a child the Scriptures is too difficult, and should be for the mature mind. But Samuel began early, just after he was weaned. Hannah carried him up to the temple. She gave him up, loaned him to God. And my, what a great prophet he made! Great men can be made when fathers and mothers teach them the fear of God while they are young. Fathers and mothers, you often wonder why your children do not honor you, do not respect your opinion, disobey your orders and will not take your advice. Listen please, your child is just what you have made him. You have shaped his destiny, for heaven or hell. You gave him his start up the road or down the road, as the case may be. You talk and pray with him every day, but do you restrain him? Put restraint on him. Sometimes it takes the rod to conquer. After you have done your part to save that child, God steps in and your child becomes a Christian, and leads a useful life, and is a blessing to others. On the other hand, if you, like Eli, take it out in talking, and never restrain your children, and you know they are stealing, smoking, cursing and gambling, and you can't manage them—I say, if you know these things, and can't stop them, then it is plain they have no confidence in your religion, and your salt has lost its savor (if it ever had any), and is good for nothing.

Preachers, if you can't control or influence your own child, what good can you do towards helping others? What kind of light are you holding out? Every parent should say like Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The child may play marbles for keeps,

and thus enter the first stage of gambling. You allow him to keep smutty company. One bad boy can lead so many others astray! You preach and romp and stomp about lipstick and paint, rolled socks, short sleeves, and just can't see your sixteen-year-old girl is secretly meeting a worldly boy, who is a smoker or holiness fighter, and is one who will, perhaps, drag her down.

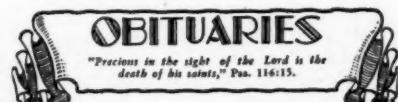
Some people do not have the sense of a hen. She watches over her brood with vigilance. She screams for them to run if she senses danger. She feeds and warns and protects them from harm, while your boy or girl is here and yonder, going astray, dancing, playing cards, and doing everything but attending prayer meeting.

Mothers, teach your children from the breast to love and reverence God. Keep this teaching before them as surely and as constantly as you prepare their meals. Give this noble worship and reverence for God to them for breakfast, dinner and supper 365 days in the year. Then on New Year's, start all over again. You can persevere in this if you let God help you. If you keep up this fight, then in after years, perhaps you can point with pride and satisfaction to the beautiful life God has helped you to build and shape.

On the other hand, if you neglect to do your duty, and your children, like Eli's sons, bring a curse on themselves and you; if they go to jail or the electric chair, or die in disgrace, it will be too late for you then. You may look back and see wherein you failed to do your duty, where you failed to use restraint. You will say, "I was too easy with them." But it will be too late, too late.

Jesus Will Carry Us Through

SIX MILE, S. C.—I praise the Lord for what He is to me, for hearing and answering prayer. When trials and tests come, if we will only look to Jesus, He will carry us through. Praise the Lord! God has wonderfully come to my rescue. Please remember me and my family when you pray.—Mrs. Mae Collier.



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